

## Community Group Questions

1. What is the logical or sequential flow of the beatitudes? Take time discuss how the beatitudes build on each other.
2. Choose one of the following texts to discuss as a case study in what it means to be merciful according to Mt. 5:7.
  - Luke 10:25-37 The parable of the Good Samaritan.
  - Matthew 18:21-35 The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.
3. How can we be merciful as a church with each other? How can we be merciful to the community of South Delta?
4. What does it mean to be 'pure in heart' (Mt. 5:8)? How do the following passages help us to understand this beatitude (Psalm 24:3-6; Matthew 6:19-24; 15:1-20)?
5. What does it mean to be a 'peacemaker' (Mt. 5:9)? If needed, consult the following passages (1 Tim. 2:1-2; Rom. 12:18; 1 Pet. 3:9-11; Is. 52:7 [Rom. 10:15]; Eph. 2:11-22).
6. How can we be peacemakers in the church? How can we be peacemakers outside the church?
7. According to Mt. 5:10-12 we are blessed when we experience persecution. Have you experienced persecution? What does 2 Timothy 3:12 tell us? What are some reasons why we are not being persecuted?

### **NEXT WEEK**

Our text for next week is Matthew 5:13-16. What do you think is the connection between the beatitudes in Matthew 5:2-12 and what Jesus has to say in Matthew 5:13-16?